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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER 09634/000L267-US0 Examiner Art Unit Filing Date Application No. F. Hamza 2155 10/016,676-Conf. #2525 December 10, 2001 Applicant(s): Yuji Igata et al. APPLIANCE INFORMATION TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING METHOD AND APPLIANCE Invention: INFORMATION TRANSMITTING/RECEIVING SYSTEM TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED** Claims Highest Number Remaining Number **Extra Claims** After Previously Amendment Present Rate Paid **Total Claims** 19 21 Х Independent 4 4 Х Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: 0.00 **Small Entity** x Large Entity x No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. x The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. 04-0100 as described below. x Credit any overpayment. Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. Dated: July 10, 2006 Richard J. Katz Attorney/Agent Reg. No.: 47,698 DARBY & DARBY P.C. P.O. Box 5257 New York, New York 10150-5257 (212) 527-7700

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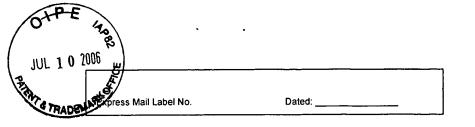
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.